

District II Advisory Board Minutes
September 15, 2003
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The District II Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 1st Floor City Hall.

Members Present

CM Sue Schlapp
Martha Bruce Fair
Daryl Crotts
Sarah Devries
Ray Frederick
Larry Frutiger
Tim Goodpasture
Matt Hesse
Joe Johnson
David Mollhagen
Phil Ryan
Jim Vossen

Members Absent

Marty Weeks

Staff Present

Jim Armour, Public Works
Donte Martin, City Manager's Office

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

The agenda for the September 15, 2003 DAB II meeting was approved as submitted (Ryan/Devries).

Public Agenda

1. Scheduled items

Mary Dean addressed DAB II concerning Boeing IRB's and the Diversity Task Force.
CM Schlapp agreed to meet with Ms. Dean and discuss her concerns.

2. Off-agenda items

No items submitted

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

3. Widening Woodlawn – 13th Street to Central

Jim Armour, Public Works presented three designs submitted by Poe & Associates for improvements to Woodlawn.

The 2002-2011 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) adopted by the City Council includes a project to improve Woodlawn, between Central and 13th. The project is needed to improve traffic safety and increase traffic carrying capacity.

Three proposals have been prepared: (1) Construct a five lane roadway with a two-way center left turn lane, (2) Construct 4 lanes with a center median and a left turn lane at 9th, (3) Construct 4 lanes with a center median and a left turn lane at 9th, and cul-de-sac the side streets. Construction is planned for 2005.

The CIP project budget is \$3,925,000 with \$1,425,000 paid by the City and \$2,500,000 by Federal Grants administered by the Kansas Department of Transportation. The funding source for the City share is General Obligation Bonds.

Citizens in attendance expressed the following concerns with the proposed project: 1) the potential for increased traffic flow on 9th Street due to closing the other side streets in this area; 2) increased noise levels and decreased safety; 3) inability for emergency vehicles to access residential area if side streets are closed; 4) loss of trees due to widening of Woodlawn; 5) need to address drainage issues; 6) proximity of sidewalks to homes once Woodlawn is widened; 7) the need for safety controls due to nearby schools; 8) there isn't a need to widen Woodlawn to five lanes; 9) widening the existing four lanes to standard widths would address traffic issues; 10) until other portions of Woodlawn are widened it's pointless to widen this section; and 11) the project is needed but more landscaping should be included.

DAB II comments included:

Martha Bruce Fair expressed concern with traffic on 9th Street and stated the need for a traffic signal. **Jim Armour** replied that a traffic light is not warranted with option 1. Options 2&3 would meet the necessary warrants for a traffic signal.

Phil Ryan asked if a lighted crosswalk could be installed. **Armour** replied warrants would need to be met to install a lighted crosswalk

Joe Johnson asked the sidewalk could be placed 5ft. from homes instead of directly adjacent to homes. **Armour** said this could be possible but it would depend on tree placement.

Tim Goodpasture asked where would utility lines be located. **Armour** replied that the cable and phone lines would relocate underground. Due to cost consideration Westar would probably remain overhead.

Cm Schlapp asked how close would the sidewalk be to area homes. **Armour** replied it would depend on home location.

Jim Vossen (Johnson) moved to recommend approving design #1 for the widening of Woodlawn between 13th Street and Central. The motion passed (10-1) (Mollhagen).

Action Taken: Approved Design #1

BOARD AGENDA

4. Updates, Issues, and Reports

No items were discussed.

The next regularly scheduled DAB II meeting will be October 6, 2003 at the Rockwell Branch Library. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Guests

Bruce Andersen

Wayne Wong

Daryl Anderson

Judy Anderson

Dick Bortz

Ruth Bortz

Harold Connell

Dale Carter

Bob Snyder

Marie Snyder

Lisa Van Dusen

Jon Van Dusen

Gary W. Grett

Wendell Harper

Mary Russell

Mary Dean

Frances Kottler

Lauren Meclor

Mark Miranda

Amy Miranda

Fred Schumaker

Ron Latta

Lois Tully-Gerber

Gary Pottorff

JoAnn Pottorff

Kenneth Schmedeman

Harry Weinster

John Frye

Ronald Davis

Nicole Scolari

Cecilia Sargeant

Arthur M Scott

Cortney Ryan

Frank Negri

Florence Negri

Richard Hyatt

Jack Sargeant

Jack Wellshear